

Idaho Department of Fish & Game Southwest Region

Volunteer/Reservist Project Schedule

2012 - 2013

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Boulder Creek Native Riparian Restoration "Pod" Planting - May 2012

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Two Projects on NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY: September 29, 2012!

Project: OBSOLETE FENCE REMOVAL
What: Trim, roll, and haul wire, pull t-posts and install new fiberglass boundary stakes.
Where: Boise River Wildlife Management Area on Deer Flat.
When: September 29, 2012.
Logistics: Tools and picnic lunch provided!
People: 6-10

Project: MORLEY NELSON BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA PLANTING
What: Plant native forbs and Wyoming big sagebrush.
Where: Big Foot Burn.
When: September 29, 2012.
Logistics: Tools & some transportation provided.
People: 10 each day.



Chaenactis douglasii (desert pincushion) we will plant this fall on the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Project: **FIRE REHABILITATION:**
What: Plant Wyoming big sagebrush and native forbs.
Where: Four sites: Dedication Point and SouthSim, Benwalk and Big Foot Burns: Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.
When: October 6, 11, 31 and November 3, 2012.
Logistics: Transportation, tools provided.
People: Ten each day.

Project: **NATIVE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION**
What: Plant trees and shrubs to restore native riparian habitat and construct willow weavings to armor raw stream banks and protect them from further erosion.
Where: Boulder Creek east of Lake Fork and the Little Salmon River north of New Meadows.
When: Dates include, but are not limited to: September 22; October 13 and 20, 2012.
Logistics: Transportation, tools provided; plan on 12 hour days.
People: Ten + each day.

Project: **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) VISITOR USE SURVEYS**
What: Conduct visitor use surveys on six WMA's in the Southwest Region: Boise River, CJ Strike, Andrus, Fort Boise, Payette River and Montour.
Where: Southwest Region WMA's, listed above.
When: September 2012 - August 2013.
Logistics: Some transportation.
People: One to two per survey conducted: people may prefer to work with a partner.

Project: IDAHO BIRD OBSERVATORY

What: Help biologists with songbird and raptor monitoring, trapping and data collection. IBO, a cooperative, non-profit research and education organization, conducts long-term monitoring of western migratory landbird populations and promotes public education, involvement and wildlife viewing.

Where: Boise River Wildlife Management Area on Lucky Peak.

When: August-October, 2012. Seven days a week.

Logistics: Four wheel drive vehicle necessary to negotiate the road to Lucky Peak.

People: One to three, seven days/week. Call for more information.

Project: WILDLIFE CHECK STATIONS

What: Assist Wildlife personnel at check stations during hunting season.

Where: Various check-in locations in SW Idaho.

When: Weekends from October 13 through November 3, 2012.

Logistics: Transportation available.

People: Two each day.



Volunteers collecting sagebrush seed on Midvale Hill.

Project: SAGEBRUSH SEED COLLECTION

What: Collect sagebrush seed for habitat restoration of burned areas. Wildlife species including birds, deer, lizards, pronghorn antelope, elk, rabbits, kangaroo mice and other small and large animals depend upon sagebrush habitat for food, cover and nesting habitat. Sagebrush is a woody shrub whose deep roots protect soils from erosion. Volunteers help with restoration of sagebrush by collecting seed. Millions of acres of sagebrush communities have vanished from the West due to noxious weed invasion, fire, overgrazing, urban sprawl and other land disturbances.

Where: Boise Mountains and other sites in the Southwest Region.

When: November 17 and 3-4 week-days in early - mid November; and December 1, 2012.

Logistics: Transportation, tools provided.

People: 25 to 100 each day.

Project: **NEST BOX MAINTENANCE**

What: Maintain goose and wood duck nest boxes along the Boise, Snake and Payette Rivers.

Where: MK Nature Center, Joplin Rd., Barber Park, Boise, Swan Falls, Montour, Payette River, Crane Falls and Ted Trueblood Wildlife Management Area.

When: January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 2013.

Logistics: Tools, transportation provided.

People: Two to eight each day.

Project: **SNAKE RIVER CLEAN-UP**

What: Pick up trash along the banks of the Snake River.

Where: Swan Falls area.

When: Early April 2013.

Logistics: Trash bags, some transportation provided. Wear gloves!

People: Twenty to thirty at each site.



Hundreds of volunteers plant bitterbrush and sagebrush seedlings every year to restore burned critical winter range for deer, elk and pronghorn. Hilltop Fire planting -April 2012.

Project: **BIG GAME WINTER RANGE RESTORATION**

What: Plant bitterbrush and sagebrush seedlings to restore native upland habitats that burned during summer wildfires.

Where: Boise River Wildlife Management Area east of Boise and other sites in southwest Idaho.

When: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2013.

Logistics: Tools, transportation provided.

People: Fifty to eighty each day.

Project: **NATIVE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION**
What: Plant native shrubs and trees in an ongoing effort to restore native riparian habitats.
Where: Little Salmon River & tributaries, Boulder and Willow Creeks.
When: April 20 & 27; May 4, 11 & 18; June 1, 8 & 15, 2013.
Logistics: Tools, transportation provided: plan on 12+ hour days.
People: Fifteen to twenty each day.



Before: 5/09. Volunteers constructed a willow weaving to armor this raw bank on Fourmile Creek, a tributary to the Little Salmon River.



After: 8/11. Volunteers built the fence and planted woody riparian species as well as constructed willow weavings in spring and fall 2009.

Project: ANDRUS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA FENCE REPAIR
What: Repair fence.
Where: Andrus WMA near Brownlee Reservoir.
When: One or two week-ends in April, 2013. Typically volunteers leave early Saturday morning and then return late Saturday night or Sunday midday.
Logistics: Tools, transportation, bunkhouse, dinner, and breakfast provided.
People: Ten to twelve.

Project: HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS
What: Teach hunter education.
Where: Southwest Idaho.
When: Year around.
Logistics: Call Jaime Creson at 327-7159.

Project: MK NATURE CENTER
What: The MK Nature Center offers a glimpse of Idaho's landscapes and abundant wildlife - right in the middle of Boise. Volunteer positions include teacher - interpreter, host, gardener, and more. Special events include Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Days and International Migratory Bird Day.
Where: MK Nature Center
When: Year around.
Logistics: Training provided. Call Cass Meissner at 287-2901.

Project: FREE FISHING DAY
What: Introduce kids to fishing.
Where: Ponds throughout the Southwest Region.
When: June 8, 2013.
Logistics: Fishing equipment provided.
People: Five to six at each fishing clinic.

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